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DO YOU KNOW THAT THE  
MAIN CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS  
IS DISTRACTION?

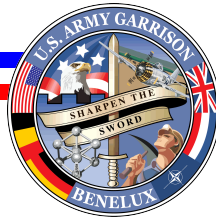


**!!!DON'T WALK BY!!!**



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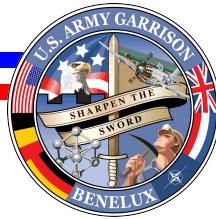
Why Don't We All Keep Our Eyes on the Road and Our Minds on Driving?





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- Visual
- Auditory
- Physical
- Cognitive



# Types of Distraction



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# **What Do We Mean by “Driver Distraction”?**

Distraction happens when a driver is slow to recognize a potential hazard because something inside or outside the vehicle draws the driver's attention away from the road.



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# How Do Distractions Affect Driving Ability?



- Drivers react more slowly
- Drivers often fail to recognize potential hazards
- Drivers reduce their “margin of safety”



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### **Some Examples From Local MP Blotters (since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005):**

- Driver stated he was backing when his vehicle struck the side of building 20003.
- Driver stated he was traveling towards the Berlin gate when his vehicle struck another one which was stopped at a cross walk.





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### **More Examples From Local MP**

#### **Blotters (since 1st January 2005):**

- Driver was traveling east while entering Brussels American School and scraped the right rear fender of the vehicle along the gate.
- Driver was exiting gate1 and struck a bollard breaking it in half.
- Vehicle 1 was negotiating a right turn when it collided into the rear of Vehicle 2.



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### **More Examples From Local MP Blotters (since 1st January 2005):**

- Driver was traveling West towards Chievres and struck the other vehicle when he attempted to make a left turn in his driveway and failed to yield the right of way to oncoming traffic.
- Driver was entering the Berlin gate when he failed to judge proper clearance and struck the gate..





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# Taxonomy of Driver Distractions

Cell phone / pager

Eating / drinking

Radio / tape / CD

Smoking

Other occupants

Reading

Grooming

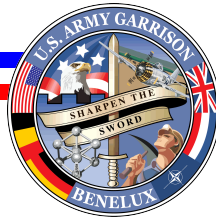
External events

Internal events



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# SAFETY REMINDER

Driving is a FULL TIME JOB

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